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The following is a summary of Soviet and KVP military activities [REDACTED]

A. Soviet Troop Movements and Exercises:

1. First Guards Mechanized Army: [REDACTED] the Army Rocket-Launcher Regiment was still observed at the Meissen-Zaschendorf barracks. [REDACTED] regiments of the Army Artillery Brigade began rotating from Koenigsbrueck Neues Lager to the Bohra training grounds.
2. Second Guards Mechanized Army: [REDACTED] three shipments carried artillery units of the 9th Guards Tank Division from Neustrelitz to Jueterbog for combat firing practices. [REDACTED]
3. Third Guards Mechanized Army: [REDACTED] the Army headquarters was located in Forst Zinna, and the 91st Guards Rocket-Launcher Regiment at the Stalag installations in Luckenwalde. [REDACTED] the 47th Guards Mechanized Regiment of the 14th Guards Mechanized Division was still stationed at Jueterbog-Damm. [REDACTED] artillery and rocket-launcher units at the Forst-Zinna firing range held daily firing practices with live ammunition. Also,

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37-mm anti-aircraft guns were fired at sleeve targets towed by IL-10's at an altitude of 1,500 meters. The 6th Guards Tank Division was confirmed until 4 June at Werder-Markendorf. [] the bulk of the 9th Mechanized Division was still observed at Camp Forst Tauer, receiving field training in the morning and theoretical instruction in the afternoon.

4. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army: [] night exercises were held by units of the 10th Tank Division at their posts, and by the 7th Guards Mechanized Division at the Lieberose training grounds. [] one shipment with troops and vehicles of the 25th Tank Division was entrained at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, and presumably headed for the Templin training grounds. [] a light unit of the 63rd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division was moved from Templin to Eberswalde.

5. Third Shock Army: [] units of the 207th Rifle Division were still located at Gardelegen. [] elements of the 10th Guards Rocket-Launcher Regiment of the IX Rifle Corps held night firing practices at a firing range north of Ludwigslust. [] the bulk of the 74th Tank and SP Regiment of the 94th Guards Rifle Division was still seen at Letzling Heath. [] a unit of the 4th Guards Anti-Tank Artillery Brigade with twelve 100-mm anti-tank guns and six field guns moved from the Krueger Kaserne in Schwerin toward Wismar. After mid-May, the 18th Mechanized Division took advanced combat training at the Wittstock training grounds.

[] this included simulated attacks with live ammunition by small mixed combat units.

6. Eighth Guards Army: [] several units of the 20th Guards Mechanized Division returned to Jena-Loebstedt and Jena-Zwaetzen; the barracks were occupied up to 80 percent.¹ [] all components of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment and the Signal Battalion of the 29th Guards Rifle Division were stationed in Naumburg. The engineer training site at the Elbe River between Aken and Brambach was allegedly more heavily occupied than in 1953. [] demolition practices were held in the Aken-Steckby area.²

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- 25X1 7. IV Artillery Corps: [] elements of the 2nd guards Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division went from Sperenberg to Wustrow in two shipments.
- 25X1 8. GOFG Units: [] one shipment with a unit of the 56th Motor Transport Regiment went from Kammersdorf to Wittstock. Vehicles of the unit
- 25X1 were repeatedly identified at the training grounds []³

B. KVP Developments:

- 25X1 1. [] Major General Hoffmann inspected Strausberg airfield, where the
- 25X1 completed buildings were being furnished. [] headquarters units
- are expected to move there from Berlin-Adlershof, Berlin-Schnellerstrasse
- and Karlshorst.
- 25X1 2. [] the mechanized units at Karpin prepared to depart for summer
- 25X1 camps. [] elements of the tank units at Spremberg started their
- monthly rotation to Nochten-Weisswasser.

[] Comments:

- 25X1 1. This information has not yet been confirmed.
2. Three engineer battalions of the XXVIII guards Rifle Corps are presumably
- stationed at Aken-Brambach. The Engineer Battalion of the 20th guards
- Mechanized Division has already been confirmed there.
3. The reasons for the transfer is undetermined.

25X1 [] Comment: There are so far no indications of special employment

of units against possible demonstrations on the anniversary of the 17-June

uprisings. According to the summer training schedule, night exercises

have started at the posts and at the training grounds.

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